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**PATENT APPLICATION** 128-03

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Toshimichi HARADA et al.

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the August 30, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please replace claims 1 and 4-6 as follows:**

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1. (Twice Amended) A thermal transfer recording medium, comprising:  
a base material in the form of a thin film;  
a peel layer laminated on said base material and including a wax (A); and,  
an ink layer laminated on said peel layer and including a styrene resin (B), a binder component (C) and a coloring component (D), wherein said wax (A) is compatible with said styrene resin (B) and said binder component (C) has a melt index of from 60 to 1,000.

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4. (Amended) The thermal transfer recording medium as claimed in claim 1, wherein said binder component (C) has a melt index of from 60 to 400.